

**VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK, ILLINOIS  
201 Acacia Drive  
Indian Head Park, Illinois 60525**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**June 9, 2022**

*“Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2.06(3) minutes of the public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided and a record of the votes taken.”*

**CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hinshaw**

The regular meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was convened at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Hinshaw.

**ROLL CALL:** Sharon Allison, Village Clerk

**PRESENT (and constituting a quorum):**

- Mayor Tom Hinshaw
- Trustee Eileen Donnersberger
- Trustee Charles Eck
- Trustee Shawn Kennedy
- Trustee Christian Metz

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- John DuRocher, Village Administrator
- Patrick Brankin, General Counsel, Schain, Banks, Kenny & Schwartz
- Maureen Garcia, Village Treasurer
- Lisa Bujak, Deputy Village Clerk
- Michael Kurinec, Police Chief
- David Karaffa, Cable Station Manager

**ABSENT:**

- Trustee Rita Farrell-Mayer
- Trustee Brenda O’Laughlin

**VISITORS:**

Approximately 20-25 Residents and Guests

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

**Wolf Road Update:** The Village has thus far hosted 4 meetings/events to listen to resident feedback. This meeting tonight will be the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. We have received petitions, and survey responses. We have heard many resident comments. We are part of the way through Phase 1 of the project. We continue to gather and listen to resident feedback.

The top 5 categories from the summary of public information meeting comments are:

1. Negative about 5 lanes
2. Positive about sidewalks
3. General opposition to project/do nothing
4. Safety concerns (pedestrian and/or vehicle)
5. Landscaping/vegetation/wildlife concerns

One of the issues raised has been a request for increased resident involvement in the process. Tonight, we will hear about the steps for an increase in public involvement with, potentially, a new Committee. I strongly urge the Board to pull the two resolutions on the agenda related to the Project, slow down, listen to what the County will discuss, and continue to listen to our residents. There is no rush for this Project.

As a reminder, in 2019 and 2020, the Village Board unanimously approved two Intergovernmental Agreements to begin the Phase 1 Study for Wolf Road. We are part of the way through Phase 1. We can take our time. We can continue to listen to the residents. There is no rush.

**Sidewalks: 4 Main Areas in the Village’s Sidewalk Master Plan:**

**Plainfield Road and Wolf Road:** Both are County roads and both are in a Phase 1 Study. The County has stated that they will not be pursuing a 5-lane alternative for Plainfield Road.

**Acacia Drive:** The northern half of the Acacia Drive sidewalk project should be completed this year. There will be a new sidewalk connecting Acacia Drive to Blackhawk Park.

**Joliet Road:** We are waiting for the state approval to begin Phase 1.

**Acacia Drive Update:** Unfortunately, currently there is a strike at the materials and dump locations like Vulcan and Hanson that is impacting the project. Truck access is denied at the locations, so we cannot get new loads of stone or have loads of debris taken away. We will get an update at our Friday project meeting. The landscaping will be done at the end of the project. A retaining wall alongside a portion of the sidewalk by Wilshire Green has been completed. This Board has committed to make sure Acacia Drive looks good when completed.

**I-294 Tollway Update:** The southern half of the sound wall between Joliet Road and Plainfield Road has been removed and will be reconstructed this summer.

**Lastly,** please download and sign up for the Simplicity app to get Village updates and information on your smart phone.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Resident Concerns:**

The entrance at the north end of Acacia Drive is getting bumpier due to stoppage of work being done on the road due to a truck strike. The Village will fill the rough spots by adding stone to the entrance as needed.

Residents at the far south end of Wolf Road did not get notification/survey of the construction project. Their comments will be responded to by Strand Engineering individually as soon as possible.

A question regarding the Right-of-Way Land Acquisition was brought up at the last Board meeting. The inquiring resident did not feel that a sufficient response was given. The question asked was why we didn't know of 14 residential and 5 commercial properties subject to acquisition until that April 7 meeting.

**ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA:**

Mayor Hinshaw announced an Adjustment to the Agenda to allow 2 representatives from Cook County to address the current status of Phase 1 of the Wolf Road Project. He introduced Katie Bell, Project Development Bureau Project Studies Manager and Tara Orbon, Chief Engineer, Project Development Bureau.

**Katie Bell:** My role is to oversee dozens of roadway projects in Phase 1 as they run the course for federal funding. I will give a brief rundown of the process and answer your questions. We are listening to your comments, we are hearing your concerns. The history began in 2018 with regard to the feasibility of a sidewalk and a bicycle pathway along Wolf Road. In 2019, after considering pavement deterioration, a total replacement of the road was considered. The County received 300 comments from residents regarding the Project. We are now here to address and to make necessary changes to the Project. Presently we are in the alternative analyses process. We will be considering additional recommendations with members of the community. A Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) made up of Strand Engineering, IHP and other local communities, and the County will be working toward a consensus.

**Tara Orbon:** My role is to explain the procedure as of today into how the procedure will move forward. There will need for an amendment of the current agreement between Strand Engineering and the Village of IHP. A new Inter-Governmental Agreement will need to be approved between Strand and the Village Board. A Public Involvement Plan (PIP) will be established. Residents representing various members of IHP and surrounding municipalities will join the PIP, along with MWRD, the Illinois Tollway, and IDOT. In all likelihood, the length of time of construction could take as long as 8-10 years.

The Trustees asked many pertinent questions which were answered by Ms. Bell and Ms. Orbon. Mayor Hinshaw and the Trustees thanked them for being at our Village Board Meeting.

**RESOLUTION 03-2022—WOLF ROAD:**

Due to the Adjustment to the Agenda, RESOLUTION 03-2022 under New Business was shuffled to this position to be presented for a vote.

**Motion to Pull from the Agenda Resolution 03-2022—Wolf Road was moved by Trustee Metz; seconded by Trustee Kennedy.**

Since the Phase 1 Study is still in preliminary discussion, it was determined that it would be too early to make decisions regarding the Wolf Road Project.

**Motion to approve pulling Resolution 03-2022—Wolf Road from the Agenda was passed by roll call vote (4-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Kennedy and Metz voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustees Farrell-Mayer and O’Laughlin were absent.**

**RESOLUTION 04-2022—ESTABLISHING A WOLF ROAD CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Due to the Adjustment to the Agenda, RESOLUTION 04-2022 under New Business was shuffled to this position to be presented for a vote.

**Motion to Pull from the Agenda Resolution 04-2022—Establishing a Wolf Road Citizens Advisory Committee was moved by Trustee Donnersberger; seconded by Trustee Eck.**

Since the Phase 1 Study is still in preliminary discussion, it was determined that it would be too early to make decisions regarding the Wolf Road Project.

**Motion to approve pulling Resolution 04-2022—Establishing a Wolf Road Citizens Advisory Committee was passed by roll call vote (4-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Kennedy and Metz voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustees Farrell-Mayer and O’Laughlin were absent.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Motion to Approve items A, C, and D of the Consent Agenda as printed moved by Trustee Eck; seconded by Trustee Donnersberger.**

- A. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2022
- C. Approval of Preliminary Financial Report—Month Ending May 31, 2022

Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Garcia:  
 Cash on Hand on April 30, 2022, was \$3,200,422.39  
 Payables for May 2022 amounted to \$308,593.61  
 Total Revenues for May 2022 amounted to \$391,519.27  
 Ending Balance on May 31, 2022, was \$3,283,348.05

- D. Resolution 02-2022—Regarding Temporary Liquor Sales

**Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Kennedy and Metz voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustees Farrell-Mayer and O’Laughlin were absent.**

**Motion to Approve item B of the Consent Agenda as printed moved by Trustee Eck; seconded by Trustee Donnersberger.**

**B. Approval of Payables for the Period Ending May 31, 3022 in the amount of \$308,593.61**

Trustee Eck questioned if a payment to Strand Engineering was included in the total of monthly Payables. The answer was No. He also questioned the amount paid to Strand on the Wolf Road Project thus far. The answer was \$718,000 of the \$1,300,000 contract, about 55% of the project. This money is being reimbursed by the County.

**Motion carried by roll call vote (4-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Kennedy and Metz voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustees Farrell-Mayer and O’Laughlin were absent.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. ORDINANCE AWARD OF BID 2022-23—SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS:**

**A motion to pass Ordinance 2022-23, an ordinance awarding sanitary sewer work in the amount not to exceed \$166,428.80 was moved by Trustee Kennedy; seconded by Trustee Metz.**

Village Administrator DuRocher recommended that the Board approve this ordinance for sanitary sewer work which allows rain and/or waste water from entering our sewer system.

**Motion passed by roll call vote (4-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Kennedy and Metz voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustees Farrell-Mayer and O’Laughlin were absent.**

**B. ORDINANCE 2022-24—WAIVING BIDDING REQUIREMENTS—PURCHASE OF POLICE BODY CAMERAS:**

**A motion to pass Ordinance 2022-24, an ordinance allowing for the waiving of competitive bids due to a sole source provider, and the purchase of police body worn cameras, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 was moved by Trustee Kennedy; seconded by Trustee Eck.**

Waiving of competitive bids is allowed since Motorola is a sole-source provider of the body-worn cameras that are the same as the squad car cameras that are used in the Village. Using such an integrated system will provide better public safety. All municipalities will be required by law to outfit their police force with body cameras by January 1, 2026. The budget has included \$40,000 for this purchase; however, if the Village purchases the cameras from Motorola at this time, it will allow us to seek grant opportunities that are currently available.

**Motion carried by roll call vote (5-0). Trustees Donnersberger, Eck, Kennedy, Metz and Mayor Hinshaw voted Yay. No Nay votes. Trustees Farrell-Mayer and O’Laughlin were absent.**

## REPORTS

**Trustee Kennedy:** Hats off to the Public Works crew, at this time, particularly, for the nice job building the retention wall in front of the Acacia 111 Building.

Monday, June 13, will be the first of three Cruise Nights car shows to be held this summer. Time: 5-8 P.M.  
Place: Indian Head Plaza lot.

**Village Clerk:** No Report

**Village Attorney:** No Report

**Village Treasurer:** No Report

**Village Administrator DuRocher:** Vaccination Policy Report: All employees must start the vaccination process, if not already vaccinated, by June 30, 2022. Currently: Most are vaccinated. One full-time employee is not vaccinated. Four part-time police officers are not vaccinated. One employee has a medical exemption. The Shred and Recycling Day held in May was a success. Residents are very grateful for this opportunity to dispose of paint, electronics, and paper shredding.

**Police Chief Kurinec:** The police department has received 900 Covid test kits for distribution for anyone who needs them.

Officers Steven Ruban and Joe Karmia participated in a Wounded Warrior project in early June. This project is a 16-mile bike ride from Thatcher Woods to Brookfield Zoo.

Chief explained why the department decided to purchase body cameras from Motorola—because of the integration of body cameras with squad car cameras that Motorola can provide.

A youth group from Lyons Township High School delivered “goodie bags” to the police department recently. Chief thanked them.

A Game Day will be competing in a sports event (Cops vs. Kids) at LTHS on June 11 at 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$10.00. Profits go to the 100 Club.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were several (6-7) residents who spoke to the issue of Wolf Road. The topics included: transparency of Strand Engineering; questions about who contracts Strand (the Village or the County?); drainage issues and a recent report of these issues; including residents from all directions of IHP in the Advisory Committee; including the Bureau of Forestry in the Advisory Committee. Most of the residents who spoke to the Wolf Road issue thanked the Board for listening to the citizens and taking action regarding their requests. Thanks were also expressed to the County representatives who attended the Board meeting.

A resident questioned about a cannabis dispensary being encouraged to move into an available location in the Village. Trustee Donnersberger, Board representative of the Economic Development Committee, explained that the subject had been brought up, but no action has been taken. Village Administrator DuRocher stated that such an issue would have to be voted upon by the Economic Development Committee, before an Open Meeting of the Village residents, and before the Village Board. Anyone interested in following this issue is welcome to attend the open meetings of the EC Committee.

Another resident questioned a “gaudy” sign at a Vaping establishment which recently opened in IHP. The sign is legal. But the Economic Development Committee is working to improve the signage of this business as well as the façade of surrounding businesses.

**At 8:35 P.M. Trustee Kennedy moved to adjourn to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Donnersberger. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sharon Allison  
Village Clerk**